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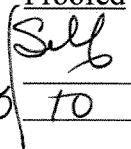
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TO: STEVE MILLER, CHIEF  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

From: Adam Peer, Legislative Assistant  
Office of Representative Ann Nischke

Date: May 10, 2005

**RE: Drafting Instructions: Amendment to 2005 AJR 4: Birth of Payton Warns**

On behalf of Representative Nischke, I am requesting that you cause to be drafted a simple amendment that does all of the following:

1. On page 2, lines 3 and 4, be amended to reflect the birth of Payton Warns.
2. On page 2, lines 15 to 18, be amended to include Payton Warns.

When AJR 4 was introduced prior to the birth of Corporal Warns's daughter, Payton Warns. It is the Representative's intent to update the joint resolution to reflect Payton Warns's birth. Please find a copy of the media report of her birth.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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## From death's sorrow, a new beginning

### Newborn renews hope for Marine's family

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**Waukesha** - Before he was killed fighting in Iraq, Bobby Warns left his family and friends a special gift.

Her name is Payton, and she arrived Thursday as a black-haired bundle who bears a strong resemblance to a father she will never know.

As devastating as the Waukesha man's death was for those who loved him, the birth of his daughter has been a joyful turn of events, with a strong sense of rebirth.

For Bobby Warns' mother, Bridget Warns, it helps make some sense out of the horrific loss of her 23-year-old son.

"We are just delighted that she is in our lives," Bridget Warns said of the family's first grandchild. "It's like Bobby took care of everything before he left."

Known as Bobby, Robert P. Warns II, a corporal in the U.S. Marines, was killed Nov. 8 when his vehicle struck a landmine south of Baghdad less than two months after he arrived in Iraq.

He and his longtime girlfriend, Erin Nielsen, knew they were expecting their first child before he headed overseas with a Madison-based unit of the 24th Marine Regiment, 2nd Battalion.

The same day Warns was killed, Nielsen received a letter from him saying that he liked her choice of Payton as a name, if the baby turned out to be a girl.

After 13 hours of labor, Payton was born about 7 a.m. Thursday at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa. She weighed nearly 7 pounds, and family members immediately noticed a resemblance to her father.

#### A Marine's Legacy



*Photo/Tom Lynn*

Erin Nielsen holds her newborn daughter, Payton, whose father, Bobby Warns, was killed in Iraq in November. Payton was born Thursday.

"It's a little gift from him," Nielsen said. "He would love her."

Calling the occasion bittersweet, the 24-year-old mother is embarking on her life as a single parent with lingering tears of sorrow for a lost love, mixed with tears of joy for a healthy, happy baby.

"It's a new beginning," she said, gently kissing Payton on the forehead. "It's a happy new beginning."

The seventh-floor room at Froedtert was decorated with poster-sized photographs of Bobby Warns.

Warns and Nielsen met four years ago when both were freshmen at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee - he a business student from Waukesha, she an architecture student from suburban Minneapolis.

Romance soon blossomed, and the young couple began discussing marriage. When his Marine reserve unit was activated for the war in Iraq, they decided to start a family right away and set a wedding date after his military service was done.

After the deadly land-mine explosion, family and friends rallied around Nielsen throughout the pregnancy.

During funeral services at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nielsen told mourners she was expecting Bobby's baby, adding that he had anticipated fatherhood as "something to look forward to when he came home."

Several of Warns' closest buddies visited the hospital after Payton's arrival and offered the new mother help in the months and years ahead.

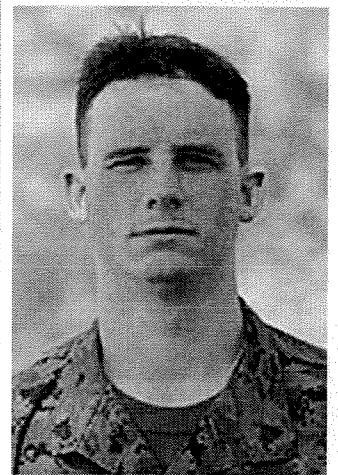
"That's what Bob would've wanted - for us to watch over her," said Jim Lohmiller, 24, of Milwaukee. "It's the least we can do."

After graduating from UWM last summer, Nielsen moved into the Waukesha home of Bobby's parents, Robert and Bridget Warns. His older sister, Katie Riesch, became a birthing coach for the expectant mother.

Riesch said she was proud to be involved in bringing her brother's child into the world.

"As far as getting the next generation started, it opens so many doors," she said. "It gives us a piece of Bobby back."


The baby's full name will be Payton Warns - possibly with a middle name to come later - in keeping with her parents' plans to get married.




Photo/File

Robert "Bobby" Warns II was killed in November when his vehicle struck a landmine south of Baghdad less than two months after he arrived in Iraq.


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Nielsen intends to move back to the Twin Cities area and live with her parents temporarily, while she pursues a teaching certificate. She figures that teaching architecture rather than working as an architect will mean less time away from Payton.

Nielsen's mother, Cindy Nielsen, voiced confidence that her daughter is up to the challenge of parenthood.

"She's very strong, independent, a hard worker," the new grandmother said. "She will be a great mom."

No matter what the future holds, Erin Nielsen and the Warns family have agreed to stay in touch and visit regularly, so that Payton gets to know her extended family.

Nielsen also plans to tell Payton about her father's tragic death as soon as the child is old enough.

"She's going to have questions," Nielsen said. "She's going to have to understand why she doesn't have a dad."

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT ,  
TO 2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 4

1 At the locations indicated, amend the joint resolution as follows:

2 ✓ 1. Page 2, line 3: delete lines 3 and 4 and substitute: "Whereas, his child,  
3 Payton Warns, was born on May 5, 2005, into a world safe from tyranny; and".

4 ✓ 2. Page 2, line 18: after "Nielson" insert "and their child, Payton Warns".

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